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The application has been amended as follows: in paragraph [0041] "sued" was changed to -- used --.

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Kaneko et al. (JP 03186954) shows address parity generation, Ivakhiv et al. (SU 1501122) shows a circuit which enables coding of memory address by uniform block codes in real time, Mukai, Hiroaki (JP 2000099409) exclusively ORs the parity code of data stored in a memory 10 and a monitor pattern related to the storage address, Kuboya, Makoto (JP 05181757) shows address check bits for all bits of addresses being formed, Scheuneman et al. (WO 9002372) shows formation of read address check bits, The IBM Technical Disclosure by Bergey shows check bits formed from XOR combinations of address and data, The IBM Technical Disclosure by Henley et al. shows a Hamming code for memory addresses, The IBM Technical Disclosure by Kaufman shows SEC/DED coding of address bits 1.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: None of the cited references teach or fairly suggest separately generating a block code (or check bits) for a memory address and for data stored in the memory and then combining the two block codes as recited in applicant's independent claims 1, 11 and 18.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to R. Stephen Dildine whose telephone number is (571) 272-3820. The examiner can normally be reached on M - F 5:30 am to 2:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Albert Decady can be reached on (571) 272-3819. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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